AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 2, 9 and 13; and add new Claims 15-18 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (original) A method of selecting an active microphone in a telephone circuit comprising:

determining whether a first microphone is connected to the telephone circuit; and

disconnecting a second microphone when the first microphone is connected, wherein the first microphone and the second microphone share a bias circuit.

2. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising ~~disconnected~~ disconnecting the second microphone by opening a switch.

3. (original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising opening a single pole, single throw switch.

4. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising detecting a bias current to determine whether the first microphone is connected.

5. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the first microphone being a headset microphone.

6. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the second microphone being a handset microphone.

7. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising connecting the second microphone to the telephone circuit when the first microphone is disconnected.

8. (original) The method of Claim 7, further comprising determining the first microphone is disconnected by sensing a lack of bias current.

9. (currently amended) A telephone switch circuit comprising:

a bias circuit connected to a microphone amplifier; and

a switch ~~which~~ that ~~connects~~ disconnects ~~either a first microphone or~~ a second microphone [[to]] from the bias circuit~~, wherein the switch connects the first microphone to the circuit~~ when [[the]] a first microphone is ~~present~~ detected.

10. (original) The telephone switch circuit of Claim 9, wherein the switch is a single pole, single throw switch.

11. (original) The telephone switch circuit of Claim 9, wherein the first microphone is a headset microphone.

12. (original) The telephone switch circuit of Claim 9, wherein the second microphone is a handset microphone.

13. (currently amended) The telephone switch circuit of Claim 9, wherein the switch opens to disconnect the second microphone from the bias circuit when the first microphone is ~~detected~~ connected to the bias circuit.

14. (original) The telephone switch circuit of Claim 13, wherein the first microphone is detected by sensing a bias current flowing through the bias circuit.

15. (new) The telephone switch circuit of Claim 13, wherein the first microphone is detected by sensing a current flowing to a connection point for the first microphone.

16. (new) The method of Claim 7, further comprising determining that the first microphone is connected by sensing a current flowing to a connection point for the first microphone.

17. (new) A telephone switch comprising:

a microphone amplifier;

a first and a second microphone connected to the microphone amplifier;

a bias circuit connected between the microphone amplifier and the first and second microphones; and

a switch connected between the bias circuit and the first microphone, a first bias current flowing to the first microphone when the switch is in an on position, a second bias current flowing to the second microphone when the switch is in an off position.

18. (new) A method of selecting an active microphone in a telephone circuit comprising:

positioning a bias circuit between a microphone amplifier and a first and second microphone;

providing a switch between the bias circuit and the first microphone;

providing a first bias current to the first microphone when the switch is in an on position; and

providing a second bias current to the second microphone when the switch is in an off position.